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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF QUOTA ALLOCATION FOR EC FISHING OFF US  
ATLANTIC COAST FOR 1977

REFS: (A) STATE 27504; (B) STATE 33016

1. MISSION OFFICER PASSED ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON FISH QUOTAS FOR EC MEMBER STATES IN THE US FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE IN THE ATLANTIC ON FEBRUARY 10 TO EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH FISHING (DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE) AND TO MICHAEL HARDY, EC COMMISSION LEGAL COUNSEL. THE QUOTAS AND THE MAIN POINTS IN REF A WERE SUMMARIZED ON A PAPER LEFT WITH THE COMMISSION WHILE THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 4, 5, 8 AND 9 WERE MADE ORALLY. THE SUBSTANCE OF REF B WAS ALSO PASSED TO THE EC COMMISSION SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHOM HAD ATTENDED THE  
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DECEMBER ICNAF MEETING IN TENERIFE, STATED THAT THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS FOR THE THREE EC COUNTRIES CONFORMED WITH THOSE AGREED UPON IN TENERIFE. THEY SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY ITALY HAD CONDUCTED FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF THE US ATLANTIC THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1977, BUT PROMISED TO SEEK CONFIRMATION, AS WELL AS THE FIGURES OF THE ANTICI-

PATED ITALIAN CATCH FOR THIS TWO-MONTH PERIOD, FROM THE EC MEMBER STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY WERE NOT CERTAIN HOW LONG THIS WOULD TAKE.

3. HARDY SAID THAT, AS A MATTER OF FORM, HE WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THAT THE COMMISSION LOOKS FORWARD TO A TIME WHEN THE USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE ITS SURPLUS FISHERY QUOTAS TO THE EC (FOR ALL MEMBER STATES) RATHER THAN TO INDIVIDUAL STATES AS AT PRESENT. HE STRESSED THAT THE EC FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND NATURALLY ACCEPTS, ALTHOUGH RELUCTANTLY, THE US POSITION AS STATED IN THE 1976 FISHERY CONSERVATION ACT BUT MERELY WISHES TO REGISTER ITS HOPE THAT THE ALLOCATION SYSTEM MAY CHANGE IN FUTURE YEARS. HARDY ADDED THAT EVEN IF THE US RESTRICTION ON EC MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR QUOTAS WERE LIFTED, HE DOUBTED THAT ANY NEW EC STATE WOULD WISH TO FISHIN US WATERS.MORRIS

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